

# THE DEMOCRAT.

W. W. KITCHIN, - - - EDITOR.

Thursday, July 23, 1885.

**Civil Service Reform.**  
We prefer a Democrat to a Republican of equal character.  
No honest and true Republican asks to be retained, and none other should be retained. In the South a sweep with a clean broom is demanded by all Democrats.  
"Turn the rascals out."

CAPT. W. H. KITCHIN went to Richmond last week and while there he purchased a new outfit for the DEMOCRAT, which next week comes out a whole home paper, and no more will a patent outside be used in this office.

## THE UNIVERSITY.

Charges have, by some papers, been brought against the action of the Board of Trustees of our University that the body was influenced by policy and not by merit in selecting men to fill the professorships and also that favoritism was shown. Grave are these charges and if true should be denounced by all papers and true men. The merit of the men selected is not doubted, but it is doubted whether they were chosen on account of their merit, and editorials expressing this doubt have been replied to by President Battle and others closely connected with the University. Six men were elected to various chairs and two of these are Baptists and from this fact it was rumored that policy governed the voters and that the object of this policy was to pacify and reconcile the Baptists of our State who have for a long time been slightly represented in numbers in the Faculty of the University. The case is similar in regard to the Methodists and other denominations. We hope the above thoughts are only surmises and not the facts in the matter.

Do the denominations need reconciliation? If so, for what? Not, surely, because the members of the Faculty and the Trustees are not proportionately divided among the different denominations, for the Church has naught to do with the institution. But what the different religious denominations oppose is the free tuition part of the institution and reconciliation of the above kind will not answer. They cannot be reconciled by such actions. Take every Professor from the Baptists and then they will be hostile to free tuition at a State institution, just so with others who are not in favor of the free school idea at the University. We want the free tuition at the University stopped, we despise it and we intend to fight it, but whom shall we fight? It seems that no one scarcely favors it, but still it is there and has not been removed. Let us have it abolished at the next meeting of the General Assembly. When that idea is done away with there will be no more hostility to it. We want to see the University what it was intended to be, an honor to North Carolina instead of a bone of contention to her people and a mere parasite upon her treasury. Let her standard of scholarship be greatly elevated, let it be made equal to that of the University of Virginia in every particular. We will never be satisfied with less than that, and if that cannot be done, better, far better, pull down her buildings, burn her records and forget her history. It is ridiculous, the idea of North Carolina's running a University which is not without rivalry among her denominational colleges. Until she is placed above such rivalry the pride of every citizen should remain humble. We are in favor of appropriations but not excessive ones. We are very glad that new professors have been added and that now her Faculty numbers seventeen intelligent instructors. We are glad of this step. Of course the people's money, in the form of this institution, should be economically used.

If any favoritism was shown we would only say, "beware." This is a free State, her people are free, one man's voice is heard as well as another's, her people are to be similarly treated by her through her officers, and when anything like favoritism or nepotism enters the case and the people learn this it is high time to be exceedingly careful. We hope this is not so, this insinuation of favoritism, because such actions as can be attributed to nepotism, favoritism, &c., and nepotism and favoritism in a State affair are undemocratic in the extreme, are mean, base and damnable.

A vast amount of good can now be done this State by the University with her seventeen energetic professors, led by her able President.

## STOCK LAW.

We again caution our friends of this county and other counties which have the stock law to come into effect this year, to be prepared for it. Be ready to take care of your stock when the 1st day of September comes. As we have said before the law will come into effect whether the county fence is built or not. The building of the fence has nothing whatever to do with the law. Get your pastures ready. It is only about five weeks from the present time, when every man in this county can pull down his fence and no other person's cattle or hogs will be allowed to go upon his land. After September 1st any man can take up cattle or hogs, running at large, and receive pay for taking them up. Have pastures and protect your animals and save trouble, for unless you do this trouble between you and your neighbors will arise. Think about this and prevent mischief.

The Pull Mall Gazette has been making such revelations of society in London that the city is in a state of confusion that even surpasses any in its history. Gordon's death did not create so great a shock, the Russian difficulty did not cause the Lords and Nobles to tremble as they do now. The Gazette has spent thousands of dollars in working out the facts revealed. The great crimes which it attacks and reveals are vice, immorality, and their attendants. It demonstrates that the great pillar of society in London is rotten, that the structure is honey-combed with immorality. The Prince of the Royal Family is not free from its contamination. The editor of the Gazette has been threatened with arrest and he declares that he has proof and will prove all his assertions, and it is thought the nobles dare not arrest. The editor moreover says that if he is arrested his revelations will necessarily follow in his own vindication will cause a shock which English society cannot stand. Spurgeon and a host of other divines and good men and true people bid the Gazette God-speed in its work. London the most populous city on the globe is the centre of corruption and vice—the Babylon of this age.

Five murderers escaped from Asheville jail last week, among whom were Ray and Anderson the notorious Mitchell county mica mine murderers. There must have been great negligence upon the part of the jailer for pistols had been passed from the outside to the prisoners. At night when the sheriff and jailer went in they were caught by the prisoners tied and gagged, while pistols were held to their faces. But the door was locked, and men from without passed in axes and in two minutes the prisoners had knocked a hole through the wall and escaped. It was discovered in 15 minutes and search was begun but they have not yet been recaptured. Somebody's to blame, who? The jailer.

John S. Wise has been nominated by the Mahonites of Virginia for Governor and Blair, his rival for the nomination, is the nominee for Attorney-General. It is thought that the Democrats will put Fitzhugh Lee in the field against that wise man. We hope so and hope that Mahonism will be completely crushed in the old Dominion.

The Russians are still making advances into the territory of the Afghans, and it appears that England and Russia will yet mix and cross blades, if the ministry of England does not change its course.

Louis Kossuth, the great Hungarian patriot is still in the land of the living and still active. He is ninety three years of age.

Republican leaders seem to be in doubt whether to run John Sherman or John A. Logan for the presidency in 1888. It will not make much difference.

Secretary Vilas thinks that soon we shall have penny postage, he thinks the treasury can stand it, and the people desire it. One cent to carry a letter from Main to California! That's cheap enough. A few decades past it would have cost fifty times as much. But will not postal cards catch it?

We are glad to note that many of our contemporaries desire that some Southern man write a history of the late war. A good idea, provided the work be not too Southern. A true history is what we should have, and let us have such a one.

The Goldsboro, Snow Hill & Greenville, R.R. project is being considerably agitated and it is thought that they will have the road built.

"Many Democratic papers are speaking with no uncertain tones as to their opposition to the Pendleton Civil Service law. It is the grandest humbug of the age."—Star.

A little over \$5,000 Republican officers have been replaced by Democrats in four months. There are one hundred and eleven thousand offices, so there are still 106 thousand to be removed and at the rate of five thousand every four months how long will it take to complete the work? Seven or eight years. Is that fast enough? Well, maybe it is. But don't waste any time.

## A Growing Evil.

The escape of five prisoners from the Asheville jail emphasizes the well known fact that our county prison system in North Carolina is very imperfect. But a few of the ninety-six counties possess jails at all secure, and as for the other requirements of first class prisons, they generally receive no consideration whatever. This is a serious reflection upon us as a law-respecting people, and we must set about correcting the evil. We must realize the importance of providing places of absolute safe-keeping for those charged with crime and convicts awaiting the execution of the law. One jail delivery or escape from jail will neutralize the good effect of many righteous executions. The preservation of law and order, therefore, which is the most vital interest of society demands that our county jails be made secure and that the sheriffs be held strictly responsible as custodians of prisoners. Escapes from custody are becoming entirely too frequent and the persons appointed as jailers are in too many instances poorly qualified for the office they hold. In the case at Asheville the prisoners had armed themselves with pistols before leaving their calls. This argues inexcusable negligence on the part of the jailer. Let us give this matter of the proper confinement of criminals thought, and take such steps as shall put a stop to the "growing evil" of escape from jail.—News-Observer.

## A Whistling Tree.

In Nubia and the Soudan grows a species of acacia as described as existing, whose scientific appellation, as well as its popular name, is derived from a peculiar sound emitted by the branches when swayed by the wind. The Arab name is the "sofa" or pipe, and the specific name of fistula, also meaning pipe, has been given to it for the same reason which prompted the natives to give it its local designation. The tree is infested with insects, whose eggs are deposited in the branches. A sort of gall-like excrescence about an inch in diameter is produced at the base of these shoots, and when the lava has emerged from this nidus, it leaves a small circular hole, the action of the wind in which causes it to produce a whistling sound like that produced by a flute or by blowing into any hollow pipe. When the wind is violent, the noise caused by thousands of these natural flutes in a grove of acacias is most remarkable. The description given by Dr. Schweinfurth of these bladder-like galls, leaves it uncertain whether they are true galls or whether they are secretion of a species of lac insects. The valuable Indian lac insects thrive on two or three species of acacia, while one variety (the *Arbutus*) also produces a pod or gall nut, which is useful for tanning. In either case, these natural "whistles" of the whistling tree would form a valuable article of commerce if they be easily and regularly collected and exported.—Ex.

## The University.

"The alumni of the University of North Carolina will rejoice to know that this old institution, so closely identified with the intellectual progress of the South, is, under the judicious and able management of its learned and enthusiastic President, Dr. K. P. Battle, rivaling the fame which it attained before the civil war. During that trying period it lost the whole of its endowment, and started upon its career after the cessation of hostilities without one cent. Dr. Battle was elected President, and with the aid and advice of a most efficient board of trustees, composed of men remarkable for their breadth of understanding, of whom the venerable Paul C. Cameron is a fitting type, this old institution began to climb upward, and to-day it has not a superior, if it has an equal, in the South."—Nashville American.

Better than we thought.  
Mr. Gus Smith, of this city, locked up, unintentionally, a grown hen in a warehouse sometime since where she remained for sixty days without food or drink. On opening the house he found her still alive but very weak, weighing only six or seven ounces. He fed her very cautiously and she is now doing well.—New Bern Journal.

## Party and Office.

The people of this country demand that pure, honest men shall administer the affairs of the nation. Many of them care little whether the officers belong to the Democratic or Republican party. They want everything done on pure business principles, and that alone do they demand. While there are hundreds of people who vote this way or that, just as the strongest influence effects them, there are many who think of the administration of affairs from a deeper and more sensible standpoint. They believe in the party for whose principles they have been working and voting for years. There are those who believe that the only method of accomplishing anything is by concentrated action, by working as a unit in the accomplishment of the object they desire. The only way for anything to be done is for those who want it to do band themselves together to do that good. Parties are simply organized men working together for the accomplishment of what they conceive to be for the best interest of the country.

If it is necessary for parties to be held together so that they may accomplish that for which they are instituted, it is not folly for the leaders of any party—if they believe that their party will do more for the welfare of the country than the other—to do that which will have a tendency to disorganize and destroy the party that gave them the authority that they wield? It really appears so to us.—Kinston Free Press.

## Rather a Sarcastic View.

Executive consultation. President Cleveland to Secretary of State: "Oh, no, the man you propose will not do for the office."  
"Why, is he not able to discharge the duties of the position?"  
"Oh, yes, he is an able man."  
"Well, is he not honest?"  
"Yes, his honesty cannot be disputed."  
"Then what objection can you have?"  
"Why, sir, he has worked for the party—he went so far as to vote for me. We must have reform, Mr. Bayard; we must have civil service reform. I shall appoint the other man. He is not particularly bright, it is true; but he has never done anything for us. He is the man we want."—Arkansas Traveler.

## The President's Nerve.

"Daniel, have you been drinking?" asked President Cleveland of his private Secretary.  
"No sir."  
"Has any body started a distillery near here?"  
"Not that I know of."  
"What, then, is this dreadful smell?"  
"I don't know sir, unless—"  
"Unless what, Daniel?"  
"Well, there is a Chicago Alderman out in the other room waiting to see you."  
"Ah, there is, eh? Well, Daniel, you step in and tell him to go over to Georgetown and call me up by telephone."—Chicago News.

"So you're the new postmaster at Corcor's Crossroads, eh?" inquired the inspector. "I be." "And the former incumbent has skipped with the funds?" "He are." "Is the amount of your predecessor's defalcation known?" "It am." "Are his sureties good for the amount?" "They is." The inspector asked several other questions, but the new postmaster did not have grammar left to answer any more. A little learning is a dangerous thing in these Civil Service days.—Robert J. Burdette.

## TOWN ORDINANCES.

For the Government of the Town of Scotland Neck, N. C.

The commissioners of the town of Scotland Neck, do enact and ordain for the government thereof the following laws to be and remain in full force and effect on and after the 1st day of June, 1885.

Sec. 1. All disorderly assemblages, indecent conduct and language, loud, noisy and boisterous talking, and profane cursing and swearing are forbidden. Anyone violating this law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one nor more than fifty dollars, or punished by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

Sec. 2. It shall not be lawful for Barrooms, Drinking-Saloons, groceries, and other places where merchanandise is bought and sold, to be opened for the purpose of trade (Drug Stores excepted) on the Sabbath day, any person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than five nor more than twenty five dollars for each offence.

Sec. 3. It shall be unlawful for any one to sell, or to sell under pretense of a gift any spirituous or malt liquors on the Sabbath. And it shall be unlawful to give away at any place where liquor is sold any liquor, wine or beer on the Sabbath day. Any one violating this law shall be fined not to exceed fifty dollars.

Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful to play cards, either for sport, where nothing is bet upon the game, or as gaming in any place where liquor of any kind is kept for sale.

Sec. 5. It shall not be lawful for horses, mules or goats to run at large within the corporate limits of the town or to be led, ridden, driven or fed on the sidewalks or hitched to the trees, palings or fences, neither

shall cattle of any kind be fed, or driven to vehicles on the sidewalk. Any person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined one dollar.

Sec. 6. Any person or persons owning or having any bitches, and permitting them knowingly to run at large during the erratic stage or copulation, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined five dollars for each and every offence.

Sec. 7. It shall not be lawful to discharge fire-arms within the corporate limits of the Town (except in defence of one's premises.) Any person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than five dollars.

Sec. 8. If any person shall put or place any pile of wood, timber, lumber, logs, barrels, hogsheds, rubbish or any obstruction or nuisance of any character, whether heretofore mentioned or not, in any part of any street or sidewalk, or the centre walk in the middle of Main street, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one nor more than five dollars.

Sec. 9. It shall be unlawful to wash meat, fish, clothes, vegetables, &c., within fifty feet of public wells. Any person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined one dollar.

Sec. 10. It shall be unlawful to ride or drive through the streets at a rate exceeding twelve miles an hour, or to leave buggies, carts or wagons on the same at night. Any person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars.

Sec. 11. Every circus or menagerie shall pay a tax of twenty dollars for showing in the town; every side show shall pay a tax of five dollars; concerts, musical entertainments, exhibitions of all kinds, theatrical performances, and other amusements for reward shall pay a tax of two dollars for each day or night's performance. All embraced by this section shall before showing or performing procure a license from the Mayor. Any one failing to do this shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined double the license tax.

Sec. 12. It shall not be lawful to disturb the nests of birds or capture young birds of any kind. Any person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined two dollars.

Sec. 13. All persons not a resident of the town shall pay a tax of five dollars per day for the privilege of selling goods at auction, such license for that purpose to be obtained from the Mayor. Any person failing to procure such license shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined ten dollars.

Sec. 14. It shall be unlawful for Jacks or Stallions to be paraded about the streets. Any person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one dollar.

Sec. 15. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dig or make any hole or excavation of the earth within the corporate limits of the Town wherein water may collect and become stagnant. Any person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than twenty five nor more than fifty dollars.

Sec. 16. All persons found spending their time in dissipation or gaming or sauntering about the streets without employment or endeavoring to maintain themselves or family by any undue or unlawful means, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than five dollars.

Sec. 17. It shall be unlawful for any persons to erect or build a privy or horse stable within sixty feet of any well not on his own premises. Any person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than twenty five nor more than fifty dollars.

Sec. 18. All persons owning or permitting a public privy upon their premises shall be and are hereby required to keep the same in a cleanly manner. Any person or persons failing to do so, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than two nor more than five dollars.

Sec. 19. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to permit any nuisance or any thing that emits an offensive smell or that has a tendency to injure the public health to remain on his or their premises, after being notified by the constable in writing of the existence of the same. Any person or persons so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than ten dollars.

Sec. 20. It shall be the duty of the town constable, and of each policeman to report to the Mayor any violation of any one of these ordinances that he or they may have knowledge or notice of. Any one failing to do so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not to exceed ten dollars.

Sec. 21. All laws in conflict with the foregoing are repealed.

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